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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV WB US UK FR UR CA
SUBJECT: RUDOLF HESS: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON COSTS
OF INTERNMENT
REFS: (A) USBERLIN 1660; (B) BONN 10161
1. WE APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION IN REF (A) ON SPANDAU COSTS AND AGREE WITH USBER RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE LIMITATIONS THAT SHOULD BE PLACED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED FROM US SOURCES.

2. FORTUITOUSLY, HOWEVER, THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ITSELF RECENTLY PUBLISHED FIGURES ON COSTS OF MAINTAINING SPANDAU PRISON. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION IN THE BUNDESTAG, MINISTER OF STATE HAMM-BRUCHER STATED ON JUNE 17 THAT IN THE BUDGET YEAR 1976 DM 594,958.30 WAS INCLUDED IN THE OCCUPATION BUDGET FOR MAINTENANCE OF SPANDAU PRISON AND AN ADDITIONAL DM 841, 996.18 WAS INCLUDED IN THE BERLIN BUDGET -- FOR A TOTAL OF DM 1,436,954.48.

3. TO ENABLE THE CANADIAN EMBASSY TO RESPOND TO THE REQUEST FROM THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING COMPANY, WE CONFIDENTIAL

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ARE THUS CALLING THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY TO FRAU HAMM-BRUCHER'S STATEMENT IN THE RECORD OF BUNDESTAG PROCEEDINGS, ADDING THAT SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE THE ONLY ADDITIONAL COSTS ARE THE SALARIES OF THE MILITARY GUARDS. WE ARE POINTING OUT, AS SUGGESTED PARA 7, REF (A), THAT IN THE CASE OF THE US, MILITARY GUARDS ARE NOT SPECIALLY ASSIGNED TO BERLIN BECAUSE OF

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SPANDAU BUT ARE DRAWN FROM US FORCES STATIONED IN BERLIN.
THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS COURSE OF
ACTION AND INFORMS US THAT BUDGET FIGURES WERE IN FACT
PUBLISHED THREE YEARS AGO IN RESPONSE TO A SIMILAR
QUESTION IN THE BUNDESTAG.

4. FOR THE RECORD, FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF THE
QUESTION AND ANSWER IN THE BUNDESTAG ON JUNE 17:

BEGIN TEXT

REPLY BY STATE MINISTER FRAU DR. HAMM-BRUCHER TO THE
WRITTEN INQUIRY OF DELEGATE KIECHLE (CDU/CSU)
(PRINTED MATTER 8/571, QUESTION B 4):

"IS IT CORRECT THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
IS MAKING PAYMENTS FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE
SPANDAU PRISON IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY
DM 1 MILLION AND, IF SO, IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
PREPARED TO DISCONTINUE THESE PAYMENTS IMMEDIATELY
IN ORDER TO AVOID IN THE FUTURE ANY COMPLICITY
IN THE INHUMAN EXECUTION OF THE SENTENCE IMPOSED

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ON RUDOLF HESS?"

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DURING FY 1976 DM 594,958.30 WAS EXPENDED FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE ALLIED MILITARY PRISON SPANDAU AS A CHARGE TO THE BERLIN OCCUPATION COST/MANDATORY EXPENDITURE BUDGET. IN ADDITION, FROM FUNDS OF THE BUDGET OF LAND BERLIN (SENATE JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION - SECTION 0611, POSITION 540 21) WAS PAID DM 841,996.18. TOTAL EXPENDITURES (FEDERAL AND LAND BUDGET) THUS AMOUNTED TO DM 1,436,954.48 IN FY 1976.

IN CERTAIN AREAS THE FOUR POWERS HAVE RESERVED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY AS A WHOLE. PART OF THESE RESERVED RIGHTS IS THE EXECUTION OF THE SENTENCES PASSED BY THE NUERNBERG COURT ON THE BASIS OF THE ASSUMPTION OF SUPREME AUTHORITY IN GERMANY BY THE FOUR POWERS IN 1945. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ON THE BASIS OF PROVISIONS OF OCCUPATION LAW STILL IN FORCE ON ACCOUNT OF THESE RESERVED RIGHTS, IS CONFIDENTIAL

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OBLIGATED TO EFFECT THESE PAYMENTS TO THE THREE POWERS. THERE CAN THUS BE NO QUESTION OF "COMPLICITY" OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OF WHICH YOU SPEAK.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR ITS POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF THE IMPRISONMENT OF RUDOLF HESS. TOGETHER WITH THE THREE WESTERN ALLIES IT IS OF THE OPINION THAT RUDOLF HESS SHOULD BE RELEASED FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS. SO FAR, HOWEVER, ALL ATTEMPTS TO PARDON RUDOLF HESS HAVE FAILED DUE TO THE OPPOSITION OF THE SOVIET UNION. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CANNOT, HOWEVER, IN ITS ENDEAVORS FOR A PARDONING OF RUDOLF HESS, VIOLATE EXISTING LEGAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE THREE WESTERN POWERS. END TEXT.
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